Small Industries Corporation and State Financial Corporations for induction of approved proven technologies in the specified products/sub-sectors. Small Industries Development Bank of India is the nodal agency for the operation of the Scheme. A Governing and Technology Approval Board has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of SSI & ARI to monitor the implementation of the scheme and to identify the latest technologies. The scheme would facilitate the small scale industries in improving the quality of products and enable them to become globally competitive.

Promotion of export in SSI Sector

2763. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Small Scale Sector is facing a declining trend in exports;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to promote export of Small Scale Sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The share of the Small Scale Sector in the total exports of the country is stable at about 35% during the last three years for which latest data are available (i.e. 1998-99 to 2000-01).

(c) The Government have taken several steps to promote the export of the Small Scale sector which include the scheme for assistance on acquiring ISO-9000 certification, quality awards, export related managerial development programmes, participation in domestic and international fairs/exhibitions, training on packaging for exports, scheme for Market Development Assistance for SSI exporters etc. Besides, as part of the comprehensive policy package announced for small scale sector by the Government on 30.08.2000, steps have been taken to ensure

easier access to credit, collateral free composite loans upto Rs. 25 lakhs, capital subsidy for technology upgradation and improved infrastructure etc.

Growth of SSI

2764. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that growth of Small Scale Industries declined in nineties as compared to eighties;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the details of the assessment as regards annual production value, creations of additional employment opportunities in the Small Scale Industries sector during the eighties as well as nineties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) The performance of the Small scale industries has improved during the nineties as compared to that of the eighties. The estimates of additional number of SSI units set up, additional production and employment generated during the nineties as compared to the eighties are given below:—

During	Additional number of SSI units set up (in Lakh nos.)	Additional production at 1970-71 prices (in Rs. Crore)	Additional employment (in Lakhs nos.)
1980-1990	10.18	18665	52.60
1990-2000	13.89	29833	58.90